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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 553
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ray H. Minton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Ray H. Minton of Woodbury; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Minton was an exemplary human being and public servant who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sequatchie County, he was the son of the late Dexter Minton and Addie Hixson Minton; and

WHEREAS, Ray Minton served as Chief Administrative Officer of the Cannon County Election Commission for thirty-two years, earning the respect of his constituents and his fellow elected officials for his dedication and integrity; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement as Commissioner in 2000, Mr. Minton was honored in the United States Congress for his admirable service; United States Representative Bart Gordon has said of Ray "Whether you were an incumbent, or a challenger for elective office, he served with a keen sense of fairness[.]"; and

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WHEREAS, prior to his service in public office, he served as a disc jockey for a local radio station, where he charmed his listeners with his enthusiasm and joy; he was described by his former colleague, Patrick Henry as having a “winning attitude and faith that he could be productive”; and

WHEREAS, Ray Hixson Minton served with distinction as a past President of the Woodbury Lions Club and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, a man of great faith, Mr. Minton was an active and devout member of the Cannon Community Church; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ray Minton will be dearly missed by a multitude of loving family members and friends, including his wife, Helen; his son, Terry Ray Minton; his daughter, Mitzi Beasley; his stepsons, Tony Young and Tracy Young; his brother, Leon Minton; his sister, Rachel Waters; his ten grandchildren; and his great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Minton was preceded in death by a stepson, Ricky Young; and

WHEREAS, he has left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public office, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and determination in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a loving father and husband, a kind neighbor and friend, and a steadfast public servant, Ray Minton’s life of service and goodwill stands as a testament to the difference one person can make; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Ray H. Minton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to his family and community, his distinguished

service as Chief Administrative Officer of the Cannon County Election Commission, and the courage and conviction with which he lived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Minton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.